115. M.P. Bhoj (Open) University, Bhopal, M.P.

116. Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai, T.N.

117. Pt. Sunderlal Sharma Open University, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

118. Uttaranchal Open University, Haldwani,

Uttaranchal. Institute of National Importance:

119. National Law School of India; Bangalore, Karnataka.

Shortages of trained computer professionals

1196. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of trained computer professionals in the country against the demands of a rapidly growing IT industry;

(b) if so, whether Government has a proposal to open or facilitate opening technical institutes focused on IT industry, to train large number of people for employment in the IT industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) As per the information submitted by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), with the anticipated annual growth rate of 15% in admissions in Engineering Colleges the availability of manpower for IT jobs in terms of numbers may not be an issue. However, enhancing the employability of available manpower may be the issue. Depending on the availability of funds during the 11th Five Year Plan, new technical institutions focused on IT would be opened.

Medium of instructions in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1197. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medium of instructions of humanities stream subjects like social sciences in Kendriya Vidyalayas is Hindi instead of it being English; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) what is the relevance of teaching in Hindi medium, when without English medium higher study of subjects is not complete and not effecting; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating steps to teach these subjects in English medium and to create an environment for English conversation in schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a)to (c) The mediums of instruction in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) are Hindi and English. Separate sections are provided for Hindi and English mediums depending on the choice of students for the medium of instruction.

UNDP Report on Human Development in India

†1198. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recently released human development report made under United Nations Development Programme, it has been revealed that India is lagging behind Sri Lanka in the appraisal indicating progress through human development index;

(b) whether it is a fact that Sri Lanka is at 93rd place amongst 177 countries of the world, whereas India is at 126th place; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF/HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Human Development Report 2006 released by the UNDP on 9.11.2006 includes a statement of 177 countries ranked according to Human Development Index. This places Sri Lanka at No. 93 and India at No. 126.

(c) The Human Development Index (HDI) provides a composite measure of three dimensions of human development; living a long and healthy life (measured by life expectancy), being educated (measured by adult literacy and tertiary level), and having a decent standard of living (measured by purchasing power parity income). The report itself states that the HDI is not in any sense a comprehensive measure of human development.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.